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Re: ***Town of Rome Notice of Withdrawal from KRDA***

Dear Michelle and Jim:

This letter serves as notice of the Town of Rome's withdrawal pursuant to P. & S.L. 1997, ch. 79, § 13 from the Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) effective at the end of the most recent fiscal year, June 30, 2022.

By referendum vote held on June 8, 2021, the Town voted to "withdraw from the Kennebec Regional Development Authority effective as soon as possible under applicable law and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the same." A copy of the referendum vote results is available upon request from the Town Clerk.

KRDA currently has no outstanding indebtedness; therefore, the Town's obligations regarding any prior indebtedness have been satisfied. The Town has no interest in any property or assets owned by KRDA. There are also no continuing liabilities of the Town to KRDA. KRDA has just completed a "full fiscal year [July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022] in which the income was at least sufficient to pay the indebtedness and expenses of the authority for that fiscal year." See P. & S.L. 1997, ch. 79, § 13. Accordingly, there is no impediment to the Town's withdrawal, and the Town hereby withdraws from KRDA.

* The term "income" does not include assessments paid by member municipalities. Section 10 of the KRDA authorizing legislation provides that the total amount assessed against members is to be the amount by which expenses in the approved budget and required payments for debt service exceed "estimated income of the authority." This means that "income" is not included in assessments paid by member municipalities.

To the extent that KRDA purports to make assessments against the Town for expenses of KRDA from July 1, 2022 forward, please understand that the Town will respectfully decline to pay them.

We wish you the best of luck with the FirstPark project.

Sincerely,


First Selectman Paul Anderson


Second Selectman Larry DiPietro Jr


Third Selectman Kelly Archer